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THE JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

An event, which has figured large in the minds of the upper classmen all the year, occurred last Thursday evening, May nineteenth. The banquet was served in the Coterie Club House at 6:30 o'clock. The club was prettily decorated with flowers and the Junior rose and gold, furnishing a suitable background for the fluffy organdie frocks of the Junior girls and the more elaborate gowns of the Senior girls. A delicious three course banquet was served by waitresses from the Sophomore class.

After the banquet toast-master, Kenneth Van Tassel proceeded to cleverly introduce the speakers by short anecdotes, which were greatly enjoyed by all save the victims.

Harris Wilson, as president of the Junior class cordially welcomed the Seniors and Lloyd Holcomb responded with a few suitable words.

Mr. Castle responding to the toast "The Past," astounded his audience by referring to his own past which we had hitherto believed unspeakable. Frank Newland gave a short and worthwhile talk on the "Present," and Rosaline Burke gave us some glad and inspirational views on the "Future." Earl Seyler handled his subject "School Spirit" in a most creditable manner and Lynlou Davis sang a solo very sweetly. Frieda Brown in behalf of the Junior class, presented Mrs. Kaye with a gift in appreciation of the aid she had given to the Junior play. In conclusion, Mr. Kaye gave a short talk, packed with wisdom on the two essentials for a good school.

Loyalty and interest in one another.

After the banquet the students and faculty adjourned to the Maple City Club rooms where a pleasant hour was spent in dancing.

The Juniors certainly proved themselves royal entertainers and it is hoped that they may be as well banqueted next year.

FAMOUS CLOSING LINES

Frieda, mama has sold the heifer!
"That's a lame excuse," she murmured, when he refused to dance because of a sore knee.

TERRIBLE CALAMITY IN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Due to mistake on the part of someone at the first of this year's baseball season the wrong men turned out for training. Thinking nothing of it the coach let it pass, but the school has discovered there is something wrong somewhere.

After careful decisions on the part of the three athletic directors of the school, E. Larsen, O. Kaye, R. Hindenach, it was decided that the following team should have been in the state championship race this year instead of what was but wasn't.

Dwayne Burke, pitcher
Donald Rouse, catcher
Edson Root, short stop
Joe Miechelitch, 3rd base
Neale Chase, 2nd base
Francis Petrie, 1st base
Roy Gazelius, lf
A. B. Castle, cf
Harold Crocker, rf

Now take for instance, D. Burke as pitcher. It has been said that he was offered a scholarship at Smith College, one of the largest in the east, as regular pitcher. This would make quite an addition in Paw Paw's hall of fame, even ranking with B. Killefer. E. V. Root, formerly an A. R. B. B. A. (All Russian Bolshevik Base Ball Association) short stop was sadly overlooked by the coach. The base men F. Petrie at first, N. Chase at second and Joe M ? ? ? at third, complete the million dollar infield. As to the outfield we have A. B. Castle, in center due to his skill in judging flies, which is known throughout his Physics class. And he may be classed with Bob Ruth and Ty Cobb when it comes to batting. H. Crocker at right and R. Gezelius at left make up the rest of the outfield, both ranking high in their fielding averages.

This team would undoubtedly have won state championship and it was not the fault of the school as a whole that they were not allowed to compete. However we may be able to see them in action yet, as it is rumored that they have challenged the local G. A. R. team for the near future.

ATHLETIC NOTES

Last Monday the Dowagiac team played a return game with Paw Paw and gave the local team a 14 to 4 beating. The Dowagiac team rang up 13 hits while the home team knocked out 9 safeties. Seven of the nine hits were made in the fourth and fifth innings and two runs were brought in, in each of these. Dowagiac scored two runs in the first, second, fifth, seventh, eighth and ninth and one in the third and sixth. Bills and Lee were the chief hitters for Paw Paw, each getting two safe hits.

Paw Paw suffered their first shut-out at the hands of the St. Joe team at St. Joe last Tuesday. The Paw Paw team was unable to lay on the ball only six hits being made, Holcomb making two of them. Kaye pitched for Paw Paw and allowed ten hits and struck out six. St. Joe scored three runs in the fourth, one in the sixth and four in the eighth.

Paw Paw could not break away from their losing streak and handed a 17-7 win to the Central High team from Kalamazoo. The Paw Paw team looked good in the first inning, holding the Central High team scoreless and bringing in three runs in their half. The balloon went up in the second, however, and Kalamazoo ran in six runs. Menig, Bills and Benton pitched for Paw Paw and allowed fifteen hits, while the home team only hit six safeties.

ALICE STEPHENSON RECITAL

Another delightful little recital took place last Monday evening in the Baptist church. Mrs. Bennett presented Miss Alice Elmina Stephenson, a Sherwood pupil, assisted by the McKee quartette of Decatur and Mortimer Snow. Miss Alice evinced great talent with her violin and received many beautiful flowers and gifts from her appreciative audience.

The band concert given last Wednesday attracted large crowds from the surrounding country.

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THE FUTURE OF AGRICULTURE

Max Hood

One of the most important questions of today is that concerning the various problems of the agricultural classes of tomorrow. The problems of these people have not until a short time ago received any serious thought from the masses. The earliest agriculture began in prehistoric times when the primitive man began to select and promote the growth of certain plants that were capable of producing edible substances. By records preserved on ancient monuments, agriculture can be traced back to at least 3000 B. C. in Egypt. A great deal of progress had been made in North America by the Indians prior to the coming of the white man. The Indians lived in settled villages and cultivated the soil. They practiced seed selection, combatted weeds and fertilized with fish and shells.

Agriculture is composed of a great many parts, including horticulture, forestry, bee keeping, livestock raising, market gardening, poultry raising and dairying. The problems of each would naturally be different in some respects. The main ones that are of importance to all divisions are finance, labor, marketing, renovation

of soil and transportation. Transportation has been a great problem in the past. It has been bettered by the introduction of the motor truck, better railroads, and good roads. Modern machinery, farm equipment and 20th century ideas have made a dent in the old time hardships and drudgery of farm life. Modern farming practices have also increased the production and maintained the fertility of the soil. Good machinery, such as the corn picker, the modern sprayer, the potato picker, the combination harvester and many other modern inventions and labor saving devices have helped take the place of the country people who emigrate to the cities. The fertility of the soil is being maintained because of the knowledge of the composites of the soil and the elements needed in plant production.

The labor problem is an important one. The American people have a high standard of living and dislike manual labor. The people from foreign countries comprise the greater part of the agricultural workers. The immigrants from the southern part of Europe settle in the cities while those from hardy northern stock settle in the country. They make good, thrifty, agriculturalists. One phase of the labor problem is the emigration of the farm boys to the city. Solutions to it have been proposed by many people. The formation of partnerships between fathers and sons seems the most feasible.

The power of the agricultural classes may be divided into three parts, namely, the political, the social and the economical. The agriculturalists are no longer in the majority as shown by the last census. Therefore they will have to win over to their side the great masses of people before they can sway great political questions. Over forty-nine per cent of the United States live in rural districts. This means no small amount of political power. The social influence of the agriculturalists is becoming more important as their education is broadened and the use of the motor car increases. The economic power of the agriculturalists is the greatest. It involves the production and distribution of food which is absolutely essential to life. A person to become successful at the occupation of agriculture should be a soil chemist, a

practical botanist, a careful bacteriologist, a good plant and animal breeder, and a fair mechanic, all combined with a good business head.

A farm community prospers, as a rule, in proportion as its church prospers. Religion in the future must become more a part of the life of every farmer. Religious faith gives children that sturdiness of character essential for the enjoyment of the higher and better life. The country church should be the social as well as religious center of every farm community.

The main requisite of the agriculturalist is finance, "Money makes the mare go," is an old but very true saying and applies admirably in this case. With the necessary capital the farmer would be able to improve their land build better schools, better roads and better homes. The American farmers are determined to have changes in laws, finance and system of marketing. Such an ambition is the very essence of Americanism. The American farmers are right in their ambitions and desires.

Agriculture is our biggest business. It involves the feeding of the nations of the world and is the basis of all prosperity and happiness. Therefore it should receive our greatest consideration and be safeguarded by our best brains and legislation.

Agriculture makes better citizens. The first attribute of a good citizen is the power and desire to make an honest living. The farm teaches these fundamentals. The bread basket and universal peace go hand in hand. In our own country we hear men arguing for appropriations for army and navy. But the most secure national defense is to be found in the bread basket filled by the American farmer. Increased exportation of food-stuffs offers increased prosperity and happiness at home and increased protection and friendship of the nations abroad.

A wise Chinese philosopher once compared the well being of a people to a tree, agriculture as its root manufacturing and commerce, as its branches and its life. If the root is injured the leaves fall, the branches break away and the tree dies. It is said by prominent people that when we consider the fundamental relations of the race to the soil, and when we remember that the establishment

of these relations constituted the greatest uplift of the race toward civilization, we realize that to leave soil lore out of a plan of public education is likely to prove reversion toward barbarism.

Our civilization rests on the wholesomeness, the attractiveness, and the completeness, as well as the prosperity of life in the country. Men and women on the farms stand for what is fundamentally best and most needed in our American life. We need men developed in the open country, who, in the future as in the past, will be the strength of the nation in time of war and its guiding and controlling spirit in time of peace.

To those who look on the bright side of life, agriculture is not the tiresome, tedious, routine that pessimists, grouches, and gloom spreaders proclaim it to be. Now with the improved highways and the high powered limousines, the people who live on the farms have the advantage of the city people. They can attend the social functions in the cities and at the same time live in the country and enjoy the freedom of country life. By bettering our agriculture, we better our nations. Better nations aid in the progress of civilization. The tendency of civilization has always been to advance. There are many ways to help this advancement but the fundamental and the best way is to promote and contribute to the growth and prosperity of our best and noblest occupation, agriculture.

SENIOR NOTES

In English XII Class: Miss C.—Name a poet of the present time.

E. V.—Donald Rouse.

The Seniors surely enjoyed themselves Thursday night at the banquet given them by the Juniors. It is the earnest prayer of every Senior, that the present Juniors follow closely the admirable example which they have set and that the Juniors become next year, an industrial and angelic class as has the class of '21.

WANTED, LOST, FOUND (AT BANQUET)

LOST—My dignity. Finder please return to Bob Bills and receive reward.

WANTED—I would like to know the proper disposition of a small bone which I found in my mouth Thursday night. Roberta Lyle.

SOPHOMORE NOTES

A number of Sophomore boys stopped in Coloma Tuesday evening.

We hear Private Oley is a Caruso the second. He entertained a select few while returning from St. Joe last week.

Several Sophomore girls have the record of being in swimming first, this season, any doubting this, please remit name and date to the editor.

We are wondering how Paw Paw High School shall continue to keep going after the class of '21 graduates.

How they will miss:

E. V.'s witty observations

Lloyd's sage advice

Avanella's giggle

Gertrude's superior intelligence.

Dorothy A's cheery countenance

Ernest's contagious smile (?)

Helen's demure presence

Elry's thoughtful expressions

Frank's mania of gum collecting.

All of the commencement parts have finally been selected, except the oration. That will be chosen from the ten best already selected. The program is as follows:

Valedictory—Gertrude Adriance

Salutatory—Dorothy Anderson

Prophecy—Marjorie Nunnerly and Dortha Warner.

Poem—Hazel White

History—Frieda Shaefer

Will—Walter Peapples

Giftatory—Edson Root

Violin solo—Minnie Kline

Vocal Solo—Avanella Hinckley

Selection—Mandolin Club

The exercises will be held on the school house lawn on account of the size of the graduating class. In case of rain they will be held in the Methodist church.

The sudden arrival of summer has caused the lakes around Paw Paw to become immensely popular. School adjourned early last Friday and several parties of students spent a refreshing hour in Three Mile Lake, Pugsley and Lake Cora.

Rev. Laws, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, has been secured to give the Baccalaureate address. Baccalaureate occurs Sunday June 5th and an exceptional program is being prepared.

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PAW PAW, MICHIGAN

The following is a description of one of the Freshmen, written for English. Who?

She could be taller
But a lot smaller
She's kinda big around,
Her hair and eyes are brown.
She has a dimple in her chin,
And a very broad grin,
She is seldom studying
But always whispering.
She slides down in her seat,
And scribbles notes, not neat.
She's all the time a-wriggling,
And half the time giggling.

JUNIOR NOTES

Kenneth had an idea in History the other day. Having carefully cherished it for some time, he allowed it to burst forth. It was this: The reason that the Japanese and Chinese women bind their feet is that the countries are so thickly populated that if the peoples feet were of ordinary size there would not be standing room.

Mr. Castle threatened to keep the whole chemistry class after school—but they all walked out.

The Junior-Senior Banquet has been the main topic of late around school and elsewhere. The Women of the Coterie gave the banquet and the Sophomore girls served. The Seniors were kind enough to say they enjoyed it.

**SEVENTH AND EIGHTH
GRADE NOTES**

Charlotte Young spent a full day shopping in Kalamazoo last Tuesday.

Wilbur Daines was out of school a part of last week on account of studying too hard, but has recovered and we now see his happy smile in the school room.

Jean Warner entertained about twenty-four of her friends last Friday evening, it being her birthday. Refreshments were served by her, mother and a good time was enjoyed by all. She also received many fine presents.

Dennis and Martha Murphy of Lawton attended Jean Warner's party last Friday.

The English classes are getting tired of describing so many things.

Elizabeth Newland was absent on Monday and Tuesday on account of the pink eye.

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